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**Prestigious Grant Awarded  
to Salinas Adult School**

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What do employers want? Skilled, competent, literate workers! Literacy means much more than general reading and writing ability. A “literate” adult is one who has competence in the literacy skills essential for continuing their education, obtaining on-the-job expertise—plus understanding of good parenting skills, successful personal money management and responsible community living. Our economy needs literate adults available to our workforce, maintaining personal budgets and building strong families.

Due to severe State budget cuts to California adult schools now and in years to come, Salinas Adult School directors and teachers actively pursue other funding options, including grants from the private and nonprofit sector. These efforts seek to relieve as much as possible the District’s budgeting crunch for our Adult School. Following an application submitted last fall, the school has just received funding of the first half of a large one-year grant from the **Literacy Campaign Fund for Monterey County funded by the Community Foundation of Monterey County**. This grant provides money for new literacy education programs otherwise not available due to the State funding cuts to adult education.

**One hundred students** will be enrolled in this new program. Its objective is that students obtain the essential range of reading and writing skills and knowledge that will enable them to **successfully transition to college, enter career training and be productive on the job and in the community**. Using this grant, instructors can now develop, teach, and monitor impacts of new adult literacy education modules for instruction in:

- career planning;
- budgeting and money management;
- civic responsibility;
- maintaining health;
- balancing work and family life.

Salinas Adult School is experiencing a **high demand** for education by local adults. Many of these students are currently out of work. All are attending Salinas Adult School’s Adult Basic Skills classes, seeking basic literacy skills to improve their futures in work and in life. Salinas Adult School gratefully acknowledges this assistance from the Community Foundation of Monterey County.

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